

# THE BREAKWALL

USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)  
Newsletter

December 2007

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BM1 AJ Pulkkinen and MK3 Brian Devore guide the basket down to the deck of the LASD "Tradition" during a joint training exercise between the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Deputies, CG Air Station Los Angeles & USCGC HALIBUT.

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# Holiday Greetings!

HALIBUT concluded 2007 with several exciting operations including joint boarding/flight ops with Los Angeles County Marina Del Rey Sheriff's newly commissioned offshore boat "TRADITION."

Additionally, the newsletter includes pictures from HALIBUT'S Mexico patrol and HALIBUT'S participation as the flagship vessel for the 45th Annual Marina Del Rey boat parade.

I'm also extremely proud to print the press release (courtesy of Anthony Turner, AUX) of our two crew members Alberto Castilleja and Sean Reisner's heroic actions as they saved the life of a man during off duty hours.

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy New Year!

Best Regards,

LTJG Paul Miller  
Commanding Officer



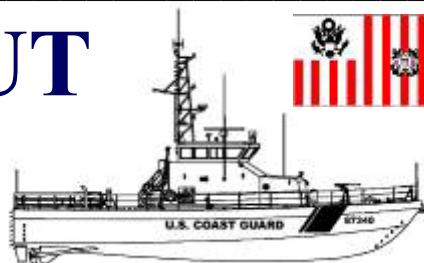
U.S. COAST GUARD

MORE THAN 1,000,000  
LIVES SAVED SINCE 1790



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## HALIBUT Morale



CGC HALIBUT'S Morale Fund contributes directly to the Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) of the crew. Unit Ball caps and T-Shirt sales contribute directly to this fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the morale program with either a private donation or through hat/t-shirt sales, please contact:

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# HALIBUT'S HEROES

U.S. Coast Guard  
*Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach*

U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security  
**United States  
Coast Guard**



## Press Release

Date: Dec 17, 2007

Contact: Anthony Turner  
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### OFF DUTY COASTGUARDSMEN PULL MAN FROM BURNING CAR

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. - Two off duty crew members from the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Halibut pulled a man from a burning car in the early morning hours on Friday, December 15, 2007.

Fireman Sean Reisner and Seaman Alberto Castilleja were on their way home from an eleven hour patrol aboard the Cutter when they noticed a car on fire at the Inglewood off-ramp of the 405 Freeway in the City of Hawthorne. As they got closer to the car they noticed there was a man trapped in the car and that the engine compartment and the deck underneath the engine were on fire, recounted Reisner and Castilleja.

The two Coast Guardsmen ran to the burning vehicle and pulled the trapped man through the window of burning car. While Seaman Castilleja carried the man to safety Fireman Reisner put the fire out with a fire extinguisher he got from a trucker who pulled over to check if 911 had been called. The two stayed with man until medical assistance arrived.

The Halibut is an 87-foot patrol boat that is capable of responding to homeland security, search-and-rescue, and marine environmental protection missions and is based in Marina del Rey, California.

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# MEXICO



(clockwise)

HALIBUT gunners prepare to fire during use of force training in San Diego, LT Rob Bixler and LTJG Greg Lynch on the bridge of HALIBUT, HALIBUT boarding team prepares to board a fishing vessel on the high seas, HAL1 approaches fishing vessel, HALIBUT boarding team commences boarding of fishing vessel.

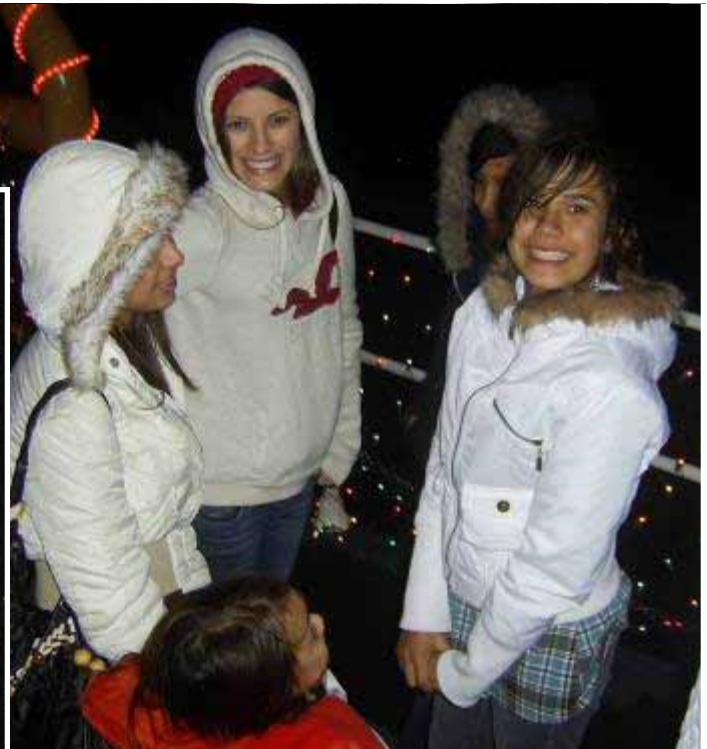




(top-bottom, L to R)  
MKC checks the  
grill, HAIBUT'S  
.50cal gunshot,  
fishing in Mexico,  
PO Gray catches  
seaweed, San  
Diego from the  
water.









# *More HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE*



(clockwise)

Sean Riesner and Daryl Lirette prepare to get underway, HALIBUT all dressed up, HALIBUT boards passengers, Bay Watch Rescue Boat with Santa Clause, HALIBUT during the parade, fireworks, the spread for the guests.





# ***Even more HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE***



(pictured)

**HALIBUT and other vessels that participated in the MDR Boat Parade**





# HALIBUT - LASD Marina Del Rey Joint Operations



**CATALINA**



(top) TRADITION tied up alongside HALIBUT at Catalina Harbor, (middle left) HAL1 embarks the joint boarding party, (middle right) SN Alberto Castilleja and Deputy John Rochford prior to a boarding, (bottom) the team onboard a sailboat



# CG Air Station LA Joins Joint Operations in Marina del Rey

# All in a Days Training





# Happy Holidays

LTJG Paul Miller  
BM1 AJ Pulkkinen  
MKC Paul Rotolo  
FS2 Albert Mulford  
BM3 Caleb Gray  
BM3 Rafael Tinajero  
MK3 Bryan Devore  
MK2 Daryl Lirette  
BM3 Amanda Morton  
SN Brandon Blackwell  
SN Alberto Castilleja  
FN Sean Riesner  
FN William Irby

from  
The Crew of  
**USCGC HALIBUT**



## FS2's Recipe of the Month

*Cooking the Coast Guard way...*

### HOLIDAY PRIME RIB

Combine all ingredients and rub on prime rib rack. Set rack in 12"x14" pan. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 3 days.

Remove from fridge 3hrs before cooking to allow to come to room temperature. Arrange rack in lower third of oven and heat to 450 degrees. Roast beef rib side up 20-30min. Reduce temperature to 325 degrees and continue to roast until meat thermometer reads 120 degrees (at thickest part) for medium rare (approx 2hrs).

**5 Bone Standing Rib Roast (10-12lbs)**

**2-3 Tbsp Kosher Salt**

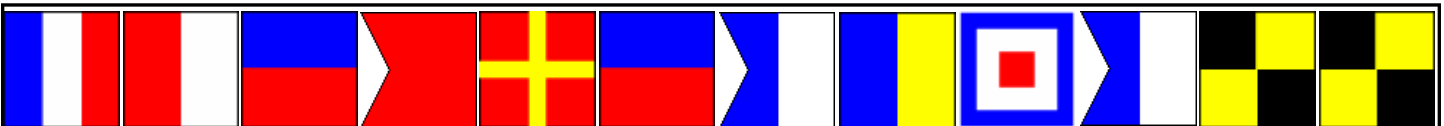
**2 Tbsp Dry Mustard**

**2 Tbsp Fresh Rosemary**

**Chopped**

**1 Tbsp Fresh Cracked Pepper**

ENJOY!



**Homeland  
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